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A FINANCE REPORT.

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W. C. WILDER, President of the Senate.

Sir:—Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred Bills Nos. 6 and 8, laid before the House by the Minister of Finance, beg to report as follows:

SUPPORT OF MILITARY.—The \$15,000 needed for this purpose is made up of \$12,000 to meet current expenses for the next eleven months, and \$3000 for the equipment of two new companies. The cause of the call for this extra expense was the necessary unlooked-for outlay at the time of the uprising, by the increase in the numbers of the militia, which numbers it has been thought best to continue on account of the constant rumors. We therefore recommend that this appropriation pass the Senate.

PAY OF POLICE, OAHU.—In regard to the item of \$40,000 for the pay of Police of Oahu, we find the facts to be as follows: The appropriation in 1894 was \$100,000. Of the amount \$75,241.65 has been expended for the fourteenth months ending May 31, 1895, a monthly average of \$5,374.40, and leaving a balance of \$24,758.35 for the remaining ten months of the period. At the monthly rate above mentioned, \$53,744.00 would be required for the remaining ten months of the period, and as there was a balance of \$24,757.35, only \$28,957.65 additional would be required if the monthly rate remained the same. But the Attorney-General informs us that since the Revolution of January last, the rate has been much higher, and has since January last, averaged \$6,453.67 per month. If the expenses continue at the rate for the remaining ten months, \$64,536.80 will be required. The balance remaining is \$24,758.35 and therefore the additional amount asked for is \$40,000 making a total of \$64,758.35. In regard to the necessity for the increased expenditure, we are informed by the Attorney-General that it is due largely to the cost of maintaining the Mounted Patrol,—the monthly rate allowed for the regular police force of Oahu is \$4,166.66,—the Mounted Patrol costs about \$2000 per month, besides which, there are a few paid Special Police officers. As the Mounted Patrol appears to be an efficient force, it seems desirable that it should be maintained. We are also informed, that while the additional \$40,000 asked for appears large, it is in fact only about \$15,000 more than was formerly required in times of peace. In 1889 and 1890, the amount expended for Police of Oahu was

\$125,000.55;—In 1891 and 1892, it was \$119,017.28, while in 1894 only \$100,000.00 was appropriated. The condition of affairs immediately prior to, and since the revolution of January last, has necessitated a greater expenditure, and upon examination of the facts, we recommend the appropriation of the amount asked for.

PAY OF JAILORS, GUARDS, LUNAS, AND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF PRISONERS.—As to the two items of \$10,000.00 for pay of Jailors, Guards and Lunas of Prisoners, and \$14,000.00 for support and maintenance of Prisoners, we are informed by the Attorney-General that these amounts are required by reason of the greatly increased number of prisoners. Besides the large numbers sentenced for taking part in the late revolution, there has been an increase in the numbers sentenced throughout the Islands for other offences. The balance of the appropriations on May 31, 1895, were

Pay of Jailors, etc.....\$16,695 80
Support and Maintenance of Prisoners... 30,997 19

Total.....\$47,692 00

The Attorney-General informs us that the average monthly expenditure under these two appropriations for the five months ending May 31, 1895, has been \$7009.63. At this rate, the amount required for the remaining ten months would be \$70,096.30. The actual balance was \$47,692.00, leaving a deficit of \$22,303.31. We therefore recommend that the amount asked for be appropriated.

INCIDENTALS, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL EXPENSES.—As to the item of \$6000.00 for incidentals, Civil and Criminal Expenses, asked for, we find that \$25,000.00 was appropriated, and during the fourteen months ending May 31, 1895, \$17,567.79 had been expended, leaving a balance of \$7,432.21 for the remaining ten months. If the same average amount is required for the remaining ten months, an additional appropriation of between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00 will be required. We are informed that the incidental criminal expenses have increased since the beginning of the period, and that it is not likely that they will be less during the remaining months.

Under the conditions which have existed, the Committee can understand that such expenses would increase. We recommend that \$6,000.00 be appropriated.

STATIONERY, BOOKS AND INCIDENTALS FOR OFFICE AND SCHOOLS.—This appropriation called for by the Bureau of Public Instruction is for the purpose of reimbursing the Incidental Fund. By some oversight, no appropriation was made for the purchase of school books, and so these have been paid for out of the Incidental Fund, which was not expected to bear this expense. Under a wise provision the receipts from the sale of books have been turned into the Treasury as Government realizations. The Incidental Fund therefor needs reimbursing to the amount of \$6,000.00 and we recommend that the appropriation be made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, PAY ROLLS.—The services of the last of the volunteer Fire Companies, having been dispensed with by the Government during the last few months, there is need of an appropriation to keep up the efficiency of the department. The sum of \$4,000.00 is asked for, and we recommend that the appropriation be made.

LANDINGS AND BUOYS, HONOLULU.—We are informed by the Minister of the Interior that unless there be an appropriation for Landings and Buoys, work will have to stop until the next biennial period. Believing that this is one of the important measures in the line of Public Im-

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